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MEMORANDUM FOR:

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SUBJECT:

National Intelligence Requirements

1. National Intelligence Requirements (NIRs), published in the form of an Interagency Intelligence Memorandum, are produced when either intelligence collectors or analysts sense that the importance to the U.S. of a given area of the world has changed and that the intelligence requirements for collection on that area should be adjusted accordingly. Individual NIOs manage the production of NIRs by an appropriate interagency group. This type of requirement is a relatively new art form, in that it has been used with some frequency only since the end of the Vietnam War.

2. National Intelligence Requirements have no formal relationship to either DCID 1/2 or to KIQs. In some cases, the authors of NIRs have wished to have the DCID 1/2 priorities adjusted at the same time that they have changed the questions that must be answered. They have, in these cases, repaired to the DCID 1/2 Ad Hoc Working Group with an appropriate recommendation. Because it has not been possible, however, to demonstrate that changing DCID 1/2 priorities has any effect on the activity of intelligence collectors or producers, and because the process is arduous and time-consuming, recommendations for changes in priorities by the authors of the NIR's are not anticipated in the future.

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